

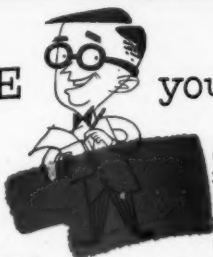
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may we QUOTE



you on that?

[1] Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, on integration problem: "I have been trying to convey the idea that you cannot legislate morality where human beings are involved. It must come from within." . . . [2] Mayor WOODROW WILSON MANN, of Little Rock, in a formal message to Gov ORVAL FAUBUS, seeking removal of Nat'l Guard from Central High School: "Place the people of Arkansas once again on the path of compliance with law and order." . . . [3] Army Commander SARIT THANARAT, of Thailand, who recently seized the gov't in a bloodless coup: "It was not a political move. I have nothing to do with politics." . . . [4] Sen STUART SYMINGTON (D-Mo) seeking revision of U S defense policies: "When we decide that our great economy cannot afford to put forth as much effort as the Soviets in the ballistic missile field—or for that matter in any other defense field—we jeopard-

dize the freedom of free men." . . . [5] Pope PIUS XII, reiterating position of the Catholic Church on remarriage of

widows: "Altho the church does not condemn 2nd marriages (of widows) she shows her preference for souls who rest faithful to their spouses in the perfect symbolism of the sacrament of marriage." . . . [6] Jas MITCHELL, Sec'y of Labor, expressing fear that too many young people are shying away from technical training: "Finding workers with necessary skills to man an industry that daily becomes more specialized and complex won't be an easy matter." . . . [7] ROGER M BLOUGH, Bd Chmn, U S Steel Corp'n, following economists who testified at a recent Senate hearing: "After listening to such terms as 'differentiated polypoly' I am convinced that this is no place for a simple iron puddler."

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moving finger



There's an old story of the woman who proudly informed a neighbor that her son was planning to become a Naval surgeon.

"Goodness gracious!" exclaimed the neighbor, "I had no idea doctors were specializing on navels!"

That story circulated some yrs ago, when it was popular to poke a bit of good-natured fun at the specialist. Now we take him more seriously. And that is well.

If you have children to educate, it is our considered opinion that you will be well advised to direct them toward fields of specialized knowledge—without slighting their background of general cultural knowledge.

Middle-aged persons will recall when most parents centered efforts upon assuring "an education" for their brood. This usually meant 4 yrs spent in pursuing classical courses in a college or university. Such an "education" was presumed

to fit the young citizen for a future career. Generally it did. For those with higher education comprised a much-sought minority.

Today a conventional college diploma is no longer an adequate guarantee of job security. And it promises to become less of an asset in yrs ahead. As far as we can now see, the specialist has command of the future. Now that an entire generation is confined to classrooms for a prolonged period, the consequence may be that a few yrs hence those who are "merely educated" will find themselves in a position comparable economically to today's unskilled workers. In a world where everyone is well-tutored, learning may lack luster.

Fifteen or 20 yrs from now, in an age of automation, we probably shall have an oversupply of labor (a condition we shall take up in a later discussion). In such a situation, the specialist would seem to have the best chance to survive and prosper.



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Charles Hadden Torgerson



ACTION—Inaction—1

We know a guy who figures that his vacation has been a success if his self-winding watch runs down.
—Door County (Wis) Advocate.

AMERICA—Americans—2

A pr of U S airmen were walking back to their base near a small French town one night when they came upon some commies painting a "U S Go Home" sign in broad sweeping strokes on a wall.

The Americans looked at each other, then walked over—and politely helped them finish the sign.
—GORDON GASKILL, "How Good Are G I's Abroad?" *Together*, 7-'57.

AMERICA—Production—3

The element in the American idea that is hardest for people in other countries to grasp is the very way we deliberately plan for today's thing to become obsolete. Work is created to make and to sell its replacement. Research is cultivated dissatisfaction, keeping the future continually stirred up and the present in ferment.—*Food Mktg in New England*.

ART—4

Art is the name for the whole process of intelligence by which life, understanding its own conditions, turns them to the most interesting or exquisite account. — IRWIN EDMAN, *Arts and the Man* (Norton).

CHILD—Training—5

"The three R's are not enough," we keeping saying. Children must also learn to be resourceful, to contribute to their group, to get along with each other, to assume responsibility, to solve problems, to develop the power of observation, to evaluate sources of mat'l. . . and so on and so on. — GLENN O BLOUGH & ALAN L DODD, "Children Are Their Own Resources," *Childhood Education*, 9-'57.

CHURCH—6

Many in the world today decry the loss of spiritual power in the church. Once called the people who "held the world together," the church is not now maintaining its influence. And many a church, worried about itself, is primarily concerned with the methods of retaining and increasing its size. These churches gain fat and lose power. — ALLAN KNIGHT CHALMERS, *That Revolutionary — Christ: His Impact on Our Times* (Scribner.)

CO-OPERATION—7

Man's greatest discovery is not fire, nor the wheel, nor the combustion engine, nor atomic energy, nor anything in the mat'l world. It is in the world of ideas — *team-work by agreement*. — Editorial, *Secretary*.

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washington



By Les & Liz
Carpenter

Keep your eye on Sec'y of Labor Jas P Mitchell as a possible GOP vice-presidential candidate! Republican biggies are talking Mitchell more and more as the answer to a Democratic ticket including Sen John F Kennedy, of Mass. Mitchell is popular with labor and, like Kennedy, is a Catholic.

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Washington stores already have Elizabeth II jewelry on their counters, in anticipation of the Queen's coming visit.

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The British have finally agreed to let the Queen shake hands with American reporters who will attend a gigantic press reception for her on Oct 17. In the past, British rulers have attended such gatherings in their garden-party style. That is, by walking among the crowd, stopping every 10 paces to shake hands. American reporters, not so inhibited as British subjects, balked at this plan. So, the American receiving line will prevail. Each guest will shake hands with the Queen and Prince Philip.

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Washington's young misses (aged 6-12) are learning bullfighting, of all things. Senor Don Justo Siera, a counselor at the Mexican Embassy here, has a class in cape-work. El Toro is played by a harmless freckle-faced boy.

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CO-OPERATION—8

A large part of education is in the exchange of ideas, in ass'n with those of like aims and interests. This truth applies to all of life. The language we use, the food we eat, the ideals we cherish—none of these would be possible without the background of society. No man is a man all by himself. As Rufus Jones says, "One person alone is simply nobody at all." And we venture that by the same token, one Christian alone, isolated, separated from the Christian fellowship, is simply no Christian at all. — HAROLD COOKE PHILLIPS, *The Timeless Gospel* (Abingdon Press).

CULTURE—9

Nowadays when the word "culture" crops into the conversation, it's apt to mean something growing under a microscope in a laboratory.—BETTY BEALE, *Detroit Free Press*.

EDUCATION—10

You should have education enough so that you won't have to look up to people; and then more education so that you will be wise enough not to look down on people.—M L BOREN, *Good Business*.

EDUCATION—Economics—11

Recent studies show that the average elementary school graduate earns \$116,000 in his working life, whereas a high school graduate pays income tax on \$165,000 or even more if he has a good working knowledge of football, basketball or wrestling. On the other hand, a college graduate earns \$268,000 in the lifetime work period . . . In other words, a college education is worth \$100,000 more than a high school education.—FREDERICK J MOFFIT, *Nation's Schools*.

book briefs



Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* has been dropped as a textbook in N Y's elementary and jr high schools. It is suggested that the action may be a consequence of "passages derogatory to Negroes." We are not at the moment concerned with the validity of this supposition. The mere fact that it has been presented seriously in public prints is symptomatic of our turbulent times. Who now shall arise to suggest that the character of Injun Joe, in *Tom Sawyer*, defiles the noble red man?

Mark Twain's minor characterization of the Negro in this instance reflects accurately the period and the place under description. Any other treatment would have been a patent prostitution of the author's descriptive talents. It is probable that some citizens of Southern Missouri in the mid-19th Century made observations on the Negro which were neither polite nor politic. The author, however, is a recorder rather than a censor. True, the Negro, Jim, was not an idealistic character. Neither was the Hebrew, Shylock. Nor Simon Legree, the presumably pure Aryan. Mankind has ever been flecked with imperfections. And the artist who paints a dappled stallion as a pure white steed does a disservice to his art, and his integrity.

If this were an isolated instance it would hardly be worth passing mention. But in these days when racial tensions rise, it is doubly

HARRY C BAUER, the Seattle library director, tells of a chap who went to a library to take out a book, and took out a librarian instead. She was, Bauer concludes, a charming girl with a good sense of public relations. "Of course she had a perfect right to be alluring," he concedes, "but no librarian has a right to be more alluring than a book."

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important to maintain a sound and sensible perspective. In recent yrs the editors of *Quote* have several times been reproached for relating certain Negro anecdotes in characteristic dialect. Such criticism has seemed to us absurd. All of this petty pretense will not negate the simple truth that all Negroes do not speak in the manner of Harvard professors. When realism dictates the use of a Negro dialect, we shall continue to employ it, just as we shall continue to use the idiom of the Yankee tradesman or the Texas cowboy.

And permit us to say, in passing, that our editorial craw has become somewhat surfeited with this sentimental slush.

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GOD—and Man—12

An internationale of technological civilization has arisen from which no part of the world is exempted. We do not seek to escape from the world by retiring into cells of piety. . . but rather seek to orient ourselves toward Christ, who is the answer to all the anxieties, difficulties and fears of our generation. Even the most serious social tensions and racial uprisings pale to insignificance alongside the fact that among thousands of new technological possibilities: a single one overshadows all others — the possibility of universal annihilation—Bishop HANNS LILJE, Hanover, Germany, addressing Lutheran World Fed'n.

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Spurgeon, the noted English pastor and writer, once noted a weather vane on the roof of a barn. That was nothing out of the ordinary in his country. What was unusual was the inscription written under it: “God is love.”

“Just what do you mean by putting that text there?” Spurgeon asked the farmer. “Do you think God’s love is changeable like that?”

“You don’t get it,” the farmer repl’d. “What I mean is, no matter which way the wind blows, God is still love.”—Rev A P BAILEY, *Indianapolis Star*.

HEALTH—13

There’s a new wonder pill so powerful that you can’t take it unless you’re in perfect health.—MIKE CONNOLLY, *Hollywood Reporter*.

HEALTH—Mental—14

Nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 750,000 patients in state and municipal mental hospitals in the U S are now being treated with tranquilizers. . . While none of the chronic patients have actually been cured by the tranquilizers, many have become much more amenable to treatment. Some have improved to such an extent that it has been possible to discharge them. The discharge rate in the N Y state mental hospital sys-

Quote scrap book

Twenty yrs ago (Oct 15, 1937) nearly 2 yrs before the outbreak of War II, FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, in his “Quarantine the Aggressors” speech at Chicago, issued a note of timely warning:

War is a contagion. . . The epidemic of world lawlessness is spreading. . . There must be positive endeavors to preserve the peace.

tem has increased by 25% in the last 2 yrs. In the nation as a whole, there was a drop of 7,000 patients in the mental hospital population in '56, the 1st in many yrs.—SELIG GREENBERG, “Balance Sheet on Tranquilizers,” *Progressive* 9-57.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—15

Americans should be much more concerned about the 97% (of children) who are *not* delinquent than about the 3% who are.—H H REMMERS & D H RADLER, *The American Teenager* (Bobbs-Merrill).

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KNOWLEDGE—16

In contrast to the scientist represented by the newspapers and by science fiction, what man does not know appears somehow to increase geometrically with the stock of his knowledge.—GARDNER MURPHY, Ph D, *Science Digest*.

LABOR—Unions—17

When people are talking about labor they mean work; when they begin to shout about it, they always mean organized labor.—GILBERT SELDES, in *United Mine Workers Jnl*.

LIFE—Living—18

Life is not a rigid business of being but a lively process of becoming.—FORD LEWIS, minister, First Unitarian Church, Stockton, Calif, "Never the Same River," *New Outlook*, 9-'57.

LOVE—19

Love may not really make the world go around, but it manages to make millions of phonograph records do so.—ALMA DENNY, *Digest of World Reading*, Melbourne, Australia.

MAN—20

It is the nature of man in all ages to err, and most men are wrong most of the time and all men are wrong part of the time; if this were not so the lot of mankind on earth, apart from the inevitability of death and decay, would be wholly delightful. But the stupidity, cussedness, wickedness and gen'l absurdity of man, his nature and imperfect intellect will always ensure, despite his many admirable traits and capacities, that his lot will be troubled, anxious and frequently disastrous.—ARTHUR BRYANT, *Illustrated London News*.

MARRIED LIFE—21

It's impossible for a woman to be married to the same man for 50 yrs. After the 1st 25, he's not the same man.—ERNEST BLEVINS.

MODERN AGE—22

As if a woman's life were not hard enough, now she has to decide which super-mkt checkout line to get on the end of.—Capper's *Wkly*.

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Now planes are so fast you don't have time to get acquainted with the hostess.—Brushware.

NATIONALISM—Traditions—23

Every country has certain cherished traditions that it will fight to the death to preserve. In America it's mother and the 5-day wk. In Britain it's the 4 o'clock tea break and the country wkend, and in France it's the 2-hr lunch and the month of August.—ART BUCHWALD, "August in Paris," *Vogue*.

NUCLEAR AGE—24

Suppose a million trucks each delivered a ton of TNT to a certain spot in one big pile and then somebody pressed a button. The destructive power thrown up into the air would be far less than that from the blast of a single hydrogen bomb. It would be a small fraction, possibly somewhere around a hundredth, of what we human beings—curious to see how the latest nuclear weapon will work—have already scattered over the face of the earth.—ALLAN A HUNTER, minister, Mt Hollywood Congregational Church, Los Angeles, "What Do These Test Explosions Mean?" *New Outlook*, 9-'57.

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The White House

Early in Oct, 1901, Pres Theodore Roosevelt ordered a new supply of engraved stationery delivered to the Executive Mansion. It bore an inscription: "The White House, Washington." From that time this has been the official designation of the President's residence.

ETHEL LEWIS, in her book, *The White House* (Dodd, Mead) tells an interesting story of transition:

The house has had 3 separate and distinctive titles, representing 3 phases of its history. In 1792, when we were not too far removed from royal influences, the new bldg was called the President's Palace. And so it remained until the British burned it in 1814.

When the Monroes moved in after the rebldg, they began to call it officially the Executive Mansion. From 1818 until 1902 (1901-Ed.) that was its title. Of course even during the 1st period it was also known as the White House—if for no other reason than to distinguish it from its brick neighbors.

Whenever the name started, it gradually grew in popularity. Thruout the 19th century there were many casual references to it by that name. When its interior was again remodeled, Theodore Roosevelt decided that the White House should become the official name.

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PAST—Present—25

Every modern nation has a spiritual ancestor who can be found in Roman literature.—BELA MENCZER, "The Roman Ancestry of Europe," *Qtlly Review*, London, 7-'57.

PERSEVERANCE—26

With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable.—T F BUXTON, *Instrumentalist*.

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The secret of success can be stated in 9 words: stick to it, stick to it, stick to it.—*Information Mag.*

PROGRESS—27

During the past 50 yrs these achievements have been made: Output for each hr of work has tripled; consumer spending has more than tripled; per-acre yield of some farm crops has more than doubled; population has jumped from 75 million to 170 million.—*Survey Bulletin*.

RELIGION—28

The fact (is) that religion is not merely a personal relationship with God but also a joint enterprise conducted by human beings and institutionalized over the centuries. . . The sociology of religion, in short, is not theology, and it does not pretend to be. If everyone would try to get these facts straight, we would all benefit. — Rev JOSEPH H FICHTER, S J, prof of sociology at Loyola Univ.

RESEARCH—Industry—29

Fifty yrs is about the average time taken for the most specialized research equipment in "pure" physics to become a standard industrial tool.—MITCHELL WILSON, *Science Digest*.

pathways to the past



Nat'l Y-Teen (YWCA) Roll Call
Oil Progress Wk
Save-the-Horse Wk
Nat'l Bible Wk (14-20)

Oct 13—Nat'l Grandparents Day
... 165th anniv (1792) laying of the cornerstone of the Presidential Palace (White House) in Washington (see GEM Box). . . 95 yrs ago (1862) 1st reference made to an anonymous and suddenly popular marching song, *John Brown's Body*, sung to the tune of *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*. (Noted abolitionist was executed in 1859).

Oct 14—45th anniv (1912) attempt to assassinate Theodore Roosevelt, at Milwaukee, Wis. (He was campaigning on Progressive ticket for a 3rd term as Pres of U S. Despite bullet wound in his side, the "Rough Rider" proceeded to the rally. "This may be the last speech I shall deliver," he said, "but I am going to deliver this one!"). . . 20 yrs ago (1937) *The March of Time*, revolutionary radio news program sponsored by *Time* magazine, launched on coast-to-coast netwk. . . 10 yrs ago (1947) Capt Chas E Yeager, USAF, at Muroc Air Base, Calif, became 1st person to fly faster than speed of sound. . . Pres Dwight D Eisenhower is 68 today.

Oct 15 — Feast of St Theresa (founder of order of Barefoot Carmelite nuns). . . **Nat'l Poetry Day** . . 375th anniv (1582) adoption of Gregorian calendar in Roman Catholic countries. (Gt Britain

and colonies did not adopt new calendar until 1752). . . 20th anniv (1937) Pres Franklin D Roosevelt's "quarantine the aggressors" speech, delivered at Chicago; one of the earliest public intimations of coming world strife.

Oct 16—180th anniv (1777) b of Lorenzo Dow, eccentric Methodist clergyman. (His verse on predestination gave us our popular expression, "You'll be damned if you do, and be damned if you don't.")

Oct 17—Sh'mini Atseres (Hebrew observance).

Oct 18 — Feast of St Luke. . . Alaska Day (marks transfer of Alaska from Russia to U S. This yr is 90th anniv). . . 190th anniv (1767) completion survey of what is known as Mason-Dixon line. Later the line designated division between free and slave states. . . 65 yrs ago (1892) the mayors of N Y and Chicago exchanged greetings over the telephone, marking 1st direct long-distance line between the 2 cities. . . 40 yrs ago (1917) Mata Hari (Gertrud Margarete Zelle) executed in Paris by firing squad, following conviction as a German spy in War I.

Oct 19—Sweetest Day (Associated Retail Confectioners).

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of all things



When the Social Security law was amended last yr to permit women to apply for benefits at age 62, instead of 65, this was viewed as a provision applicable to a limited number of hardship cases. However, an overwhelming percentage of women, as they attain the age of 62, are taking advantage of this earlier retirement. Social Security Administration officials fear most of these women are making a bad bargain.

Women who elect to put themselves under the program at 62 will receive only 80% of the monthly sum that would be theirs if they waited an add'l 3 yrs. Once a woman starts drawing her monthly allotment, the sum is fixed for the remainder of her life; there's no increase at 65 for those starting at 62. In addition, of course, she loses the compensation that would have been derived by remaining longer in the active work force.

Considering the average lifespan of women, statisticians figure that most female workers will make a substantial gain by postponing retirement until age 65. Nevertheless, of the 860,000 women between ages 62 and 65, who became eligible for benefits under the amendment, 710,000 have filed claims for benefits. An add'l 70,000 are expected to file before they reach the age of 65.

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SAFETY—Safe Driving—30

It is our opinion that the use of seat belts in all cars and trucks on the American road today would reduce the 40,000 fatalities annually to less than 19,000 and would reduce the one million serious injuries to no more than 500,000. — ALEX L HAYNES, Advanced Products Director, Ford Motor Co.

SECURITY—31

Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity. They seem more afraid of life than death.—JAMES F BYRNES, (onetime Secy of State) *Forbes*.

SUCCESS—32

Some day, I hope to enjoy enough of what the world calls success so that somebody will ask me, "What's the secret of it?" I shall say simply this: "I get up when I fall down."—PAUL HARVEY.

TALENT—Use—33

A Siwash Indian knew of an excellent spring. Every time he used it he covered it up again for fear others might discover and use it. He dreaded the day when the water would no longer be his to enjoy.

Others, however, did find the spring and used it constantly. To the Indian's utter amazement, the more people used it the more water there was to use. — *Church Herald*.

TAXES—34

The greatest danger to a high level of employment is not automation, but heavy taxation, which removes from industry the funds with which to expand and create new jobs for the increasing population.—Gen DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, chmn of bd, Sperry Rand Corp'n, *Automation*.

TRANSPORTATION—35

The average family spends from 12 to 15% of its consumer expenditures for private automotive transportation. It is probable that this percentage may rise to even higher levels in the next decade as families own more vehicles and do more driving.—Prof W F BABCOCK, N Car State College, "An Approach to Solving Traffic Problems," *Public Mgt*, 8-'57.

YOUTH—Market—36

There are 17.2 million citizens in the U S between the ages of 12 and 20, with more than \$9 billion a yr to spend. Some 800,000 of them have steady yr-round jobs, and more than 4.5 million earn money at odd jobs or part-time work thru the yr.

Since most of them don't have to maintain homes and families, the bulk of their money goes right into the purchase of merchandise ranging from used cars to phonographs.

A few samples of this potent purchasing power: More than % of America's teenagers own their own cameras and took 600 million snapshots with them in '56—one out of every 4 snaps made in the nation; teenagers account for about 70 per cent of the music industry's single-record sales, spending some \$150 million a yr for disks; one-half of all small-radio sales are made to teen-agers; the 2.5 billion gallons of gas that teenagers pour into jalopies (and dad's car on Saturday night) is 5 per cent of the nat'n's annual consumption.—*Newsweek*.

WEALTH—Poverty—37

Poverty is a state of mind often induced by a neighbor's new car.—*The Rest of the Story* (Hanover).

Mr. Q's
column



Our London scout reports that European periodicals are having a good deal to say these days (and not in notably complimentary terms) concerning the motoring habits of Prince Philip. We are told that he has had 7 major auto accidents in the past decade. It is rumored that he is no longer allowed to drive the Queen.

A French poll discloses that 97% of Frenchmen know who won the last *Tour de France*, but only 15% can name the present head of the gov't. (French pollsters, who make most of their calls at night, probably got to their subjects before they'd had an opportunity to scan the late evening papers.) Jacques Grello, Paris cabaret comedian, is telling his audiences that, since the 4th Republic, ministers who have served France represent a total weight of 11 tons.

Published agenda for the recent British Labour Party conf includes 126 motions on nuclear war. There are also 8 motions on the cost of living.

In Brussels, last wk, they were telling of the thrifty citizen who reluctantly pulled a 100-franc note from the inner recesses of his wallet. The portrait of Leopold I, on the face of the note, blinked his eyes when he saw the light.

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A tourist walked into a bar in S Africa and was startled to see a customer in full uniform yet only 6 in's high. The bartender finally broke the silence: "Evidently you don't know the major."

The tourist admitted this, so the bartender picked the little man from the stool, put him on the bar and continued: "Speak up, Major; tell the Yank about the time you called the witch doctor a bloody fake."—*Philnews*, hm, Phillips Petroleum Corp'n. a

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A minister was accustomed to reading his sermons which he placed on the pulpit about half an hr before the church service. One young mbr noted this habit, and one day before the congregation arrived, removed the last page from the manuscript.

The minister read the sermon, as usual. The last line on what was now the final page had these words, "So Adam said to Eve. . ."

Lifting the page, there was, of course, no following manuscript. He riffled thru the other pages a moment, gained a little time by repeating "So Adam said to Eve. . ." and then in a low voice, but one which the amplifying system carried to every part of the room, added ". . . there seems to be a leaf missing."—*KVP Philosopher*, Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co. b

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I Laughed At This One

ERNEST BLEVINS

While vacationing in Mexico this summer, my wife and I had dinner with another American couple at a small restaurant in Mexico City. A Mexican peddler approached our table with a tray of exquisite silver bracelets. When told the price was 1000 pesos per bracelet, my wife became discouraged. The other woman, who had been in Mexico for some time, began a spirited negotiation. I was amazed to observe how the price dropped as the two matched wits with obvious enthusiasm. Finally, one bracelet was sold for 250 pesos.

My wife promptly offered to buy a 2nd bracelet at the same price. The peddler drew back in obvious disdain.

"No, no, Madam!" he exclaimed. "For you, we start over again."

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An American lady in London reports that she stopped in at one of the hamburger places that have been springing up around that city lately and ordered one of her native sandwiches, medium. "I'm sorry, Madam," the counterwoman repl'd politely, "but they are all the same size."—*New Yorker*. c

A teacher had been asked to find out the number of children in her class receiving free meals. As one little boy looked a bit doubtful, she asked him: "Are you free, John?" "Oh, no," he ans'd, "I'm five."

So she put the question another way: "Do you get free dinners?"

"No miss," he ans'd quickly. "only one!"—*Tit-Bits*, London. d

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A man who had been married for 10 yrs consulted a marriage counselor. "When I 1st married," he said, "I was very happy. I'd come home from a hard day down at the shop. My little dog would race around barking and my wife would bring me my slippers. Now after all these yrs, everything's changed. When I come home, my dog brings me my slippers, and my wife barks at me!"

"I don't know what you're complaining about," said the marriage counselor. "You're still getting the same service."—*McCall Spirit*, hm, McCall Corp'n. e

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A car screeched to a halt as it came upon a motorist standing beside a tiny European sports car—completely overturned.

"Good heavens!" cried the driver. "Are you okay?"

"Sure," ans'ed the man. "Why?"

"Well, how did the accident happen?"

"What accident?" was the answer. "I'm just changing a tire."—E E KENYON, *American Wkly.* f

The nice thing about being a teen-ager these days is that you can pick up any magazine and have your suspicions about your parents confirmed.—United Mine Workers Jnl.

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There's likely to be a wreck when a de luxe auto runs into a jalopy bank acc't.—DAN KIDNEY, *Scripps-Howard Newspapers.*

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By the time a man can afford a good used car, he has generally been driving a new one for months.—HAL CHADWICK.

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This is still a land of opportunity. Where else could a man borrow money at 6% to pay his taxes?—CHARLES RUFFING.

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When there is a meeting of minds in a marriage, the wife's generally presides.—BERT KRUSE.

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You shouldn't bribe a child to mind; once he pays an income tax you can't claim him as a dependent.—ARCHIE JOSCELYN.

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Absence makes the heart go wander.—C HAROLD CRUMP.

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The Gideons should send a Bible to the hotel man who sets those room rates.—JACK HERBERT.

Quote

Susanne had just bought her 1st car and was naturally proud of it. She took a little drive around and everything was fine until she wanted to park in front of a restaurant, when she ran into difficulties—or, correctly stated, into the car behind. There was quite a loud crash. Astonished, Susanne shifted, promptly ran into the car in front. A cop who was watching shook his head at her, asked, "Do you always park by ear?" — *Revue, Munich* (Quortz translation). g

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The art of hitting a nail squarely on the head was one the wife had never mastered. But one day she did manage to nail a strip of board to the kitchen wall to make more room for utensils. True the board bore more hammer marks than nails, but at least it was up.

That evening her husband studied the new strip—now bravely painted but still bearing marks of battle. "What did you do, Dear," he asked gently, "scare them in?" — *Capper's Wkly.* h

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Things had not gone well for the 4-yr-old that morning. It seemed that he was always in trouble. After being reprimanded by his mother a time or two, she finally said to him: "Son, you go to that chair and sit on it, now!"

The little lad went to the chair, sat down, then, with meaningful words, said, "Mummy, I'm sitting down on the outside but I'm standing up on the inside." — *OLIVER G WILSON, Wesleyan Methodist.* i

Quote

Around a bus two college students were overheard discussing an astonishing fact they had just learned: that the body is 92% water. At that moment a shapely young lady boarded the bus. Conversation ceased for a moment. Then one of the boys remarked: "Boy, she sure did a lot with her 8%." — *United Mine Workers Jnl.* j

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"Can you tell me where Noah lived?" a teacher asked little Tommy.

Tommy ans'd: "I don't think he had a regular home. I imagine he and his family belonged to a floating population." — *Tit-Bits, London.* k

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"I see you're letting your little son drive the car."

"Yes, he's still too young to be treated as a pedestrian." — *News & Views, hm, Gen'l Motors Acceptance Corp'n.* l

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It's been mighty hot around these parts, so it was nothing out of the ordinary for tired, beat-up citizens to dash into the bar and ask for a cold drink in a hurry. One fellow edged himself beside a couple at the bar and demanded wearily, "Gimme anything tall, icy, and full of bourbon."

Suddenly the man beside him grabbed his necktie. "Watch it, Bud," he muttered angrily. "You keep my wife outta this!" — *E E KENYON, American Wkly.* m

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Wife to speeding husband: "Slow down and let the motorcycle policeman pass you. He may be trying to catch someone." — *Nuggets, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.* n

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Richard Armour



Power And Light

Hydrogen peroxide, usually thought of as a bleach for blondes, is being used to power Britain's latest experimental submarine. — News item.

I'm not surprised at all to hear
Peroxide's used for this—
To power lethal submarines
With bubbly, potent hiss.

In fact I'd not be much surprised
To find that next they plan on
Peroxide for torpedoes, mines,
And all the latest cannon.

Peroxide very well may be
The stuff to trigger A-bombs
And hydrogen (peroxide) bombs
And many still-to-come bombs.

I'm not surprised, I say, the least
At all this martial medley,
For what has turned brunettes to
blondes
Has long been plenty deadly.

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The death of Richard Stokes deprives the (British) Labour Party of one of its bonniest fighters. . . Of the many stories told of Stokes I liked particularly the one about his reaction to a report, during the preparations for the Festival of Britain, that work at Battersea Pleasure Gardens was being held up by a shortage of shovels. "Tell the men," he ans'd, "that they will just have to lean on one another."
—PHAROS, *Spectator*, London. o

Our current favorite of the corn-on-the-macabre school of humor: "Mommy," complained the child, "I'm getting tired of running in circles."

Repl'd the mother, "Shut up, or I'll nail your other foot to the floor." p

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A flock of our feathered friends were perched on a sparrow's new nest, inspecting it inside and out. With ecstatic chirps they all agreed it was just the kind of place any nesting mother would love.

"But why," ventured one visitor, "have you got that big hole in the bottom?"

"Well, you see," explained Mrs Sparrow with a shrug, "I love to lay eggs—but I simply can't stand children!"—E E KENYON, *American Wkly.* p

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"I broke my engagement," the girl confided to her friend. "My feelings are changed completely from what they were when I accepted him."

"But why do you still wear the ring?" asked the friend.

"Oh," repl'd the girl in surprise, "my feelings toward the ring are just the same."—*Art of Living Successfully.* r

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Marshal L Scott writes from the McCormick Theological Seminary (named for Cyrus H. McCormick) that there it is said one must not refer to the "grim reaper," but only to the "international harvester."—JEROME BEATTY, Jr, *Saturday Review.* s

Quote

JAS HAGERTY, White House Sec'y,
on the Arkansas desegregation is-
sue: "The President is concerned
with solutions and not with politi-
cal speeches." 1-Q-t

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PRENTICE GAULT, 1st Negro to
play football for Univ of Okla: "I
haven't worried half as much a-
bout breaking the color barrier as
I have about learning to play de-
fensive." 2-Q-t

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WM PATRICK BESTON, Morristown,
N J, on birth of his 12th child —
and 12th daughter: "Suits me fine.
Think of all the attention I get!"
3-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

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For a long time, we've been fed up with lamps made out of baby's 1st galoshes, and such, but here are a couple of new lighting ideas. One is a lighting rod, called "Lytespan," made by *Lightolier, Inc., Jersey City, N J*, and offering floor-to-ceiling lighting. It's a thin aluminum column containing dual electrified (and shockproof) tracks. Up to 10 lighting units—bullet lights, glass chimneys, etc—can be inserted anywhere along 6-ft-long track, lighting immediately, and can be removed by flicking a knob.

Lytespan column plugs into any electrical outlet, and is held to floor and ceiling, or from wall to wall, by pressure of a powerful internal spring. Column and 3 light units cost \$49.50.

Another versatile light is a ceiling light with translucent panels in an interchangeable gingham pattern (red, yellow and black and white), so you can match it to the room when you redecorate. \$24.95 from *Thomas Industries, 410 S Third St, Louisville, Ky.*

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